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SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR HEALTH COOPERATION (03.00): POST-
PONEMENT OF U.S. DELEGATION

1. FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED AUGUST 10, 1978, WAS POSTED
SAME DATE VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL TO ACADEMICIAN EUGENE I.
CHAZOV, DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL CARDIOLOGY RESEARCH
CENTER, ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES OF THE USSR,
PETROVERIGSKIY LANE 10, MOSCOW 101837, USSR. SOVIETS HAVE
BEEN PROVIDED TEXT OF LETTER AUGUST 14 VIA HEW-MOH TELEX.

2. (BEGIN TEXT)

DEAR ACADEMICIAN CHAZOV:

I MUST INFORM YOU THAT SOME OF THE SCIENTISTS IN PROBLEM
AREA 6, BLOOD TRANSFUSION, BLOOD COMPONENTS AND PREVENTION
OF HEPATITIS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO CARDIOVASCULAR
SURGERY, HAVE REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF THEIR SEPTEMBER
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10-17 VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
SIXTH JOINT WORKING MEETING. IN VIEW OF THIS REQUEST I
FIND IT NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THIS PARTICULAR WORKING
MEETING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A NEW U.S. DELEGATION CAN BE PUT

TOGETHER. IN THE MEANTIME, WE PLAN TO GO AHEAD WITH THE
JOINT ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN PROBLEM AREA 6,

SPECIFICALLY THE JOINT US-USSR HEPATITIS STUDY AND THE EXCHANGE OF TWO U.S. SCIENTISTS, DRS. HOLLAND AND MAZZUR, DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 7-20, 1978. PLEASE INFORM PROFESSOR GAVRILOV OF THESE DECISIONS.

WE APPRECIATE ALL THE EFFORT THAT YOU AND PROFESSOR GAVRILOV HAVE EXPENDED ON MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELEGATION'S VISIT AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY,

ROBERT I. LEVY, M.D., DIRECTOR.

3. FYI: GROUP VOTED AMONG ITSELF NOT TO GO, FOLLOWING LAST MONTH'S DISSIDENT TRIALS, BUT, AS INDICATED IN TEXT OF LETTER, THEY DELIBERATELY CHOSE NOT TO RAISE ISSUE WITH THE SOVIETS. NATIONAL HEART, BLOOD AND LUNG INSTITUTE WILL RECONSTITUTE DELEGATION, WHICH THEY HOPE CAN TRAVEL AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET SIDE. END FYI.

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